



This Home Group Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however, we encourage you to check out one of our warm and friendly Small Groups.

LESSON AIM: to help you become a fully devoted follower of Christ by committing to personally study God's Word and be faithful to the Bible at home and beyond.

Connect15 min.



PRAYER: Begin your time with prayer. We encourage you to quiet yourself, acknowledge God's position, and ask God to open your mind and heart to the lesson aim for today.

ICEBREAKER: Where did your ancestors come from and how did they get to this country? Who is one of the most colorful characters in your family tree?

Who, in your family tree, do you look to as a spiritual patriarch or patriarch? What characteristic gave them that place for you?

Strengthen35-40 min.



KEY PASSAGE: *"The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple."*

Psalm 19:7 NLT

1. During David's message on Sunday he shared six things that the Bible is for us from scripture. (*A Lamp, Bread, Honey, A Shield, A Mirror, God's Word*) Which one best describes your relationship to God's Word at this time in your life?
2. He also shared six ways we embrace God's guidebook. Which one is the easiest for you? Explain why? Explain which one is the most difficult and why?
3. Please read John 8:31-36. What did Jesus say to the Jews who believed in Him? (v.31)

4. Jesus told the people who "believed" in Him that they needed to remain "faithful" to His teaching. What are some of the reasons it is so difficult for us to live out what we believe?
5. What reason did Jesus give for the importance of being faithful to what you believe? (v.32)
6. Is it possible to "know" the truth apart from personal experience? Why or why not?
7. What personal experiences help us to "know" the truth?
8. What did Jesus say the truth would do for those who knew it? (vv.32-36)
9. How does truth set someone free?

Bless15 min.



What act of kindness can you do this week to enjoy and demonstrate your freedom to others?

Invite10 min.



What "believers" do you know that would benefit from being in a small group? How can you invite them to be more "faithful" by joining a small group?

Are you willing to host/lead a new small group to help believers become more faithful?

Celebrate15 min.



Turn your prayers into praise because God has set us free in His son Jesus Christ. Praise him because His Spirit empowers us to be both faithful and free. Replace the inhibitions of your slavery to sin with freedom that comes from choosing to be faithful to the Bible at home and beyond.

Pray for the praises and needs of the group members.

Clear View: Embracing God's Guidebook

David Carothers - January 16, 2011

How Do I Embrace God's Guidebook?

- _____ to God's Word

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Romans 10:17 (ESV)

- _____ God's Word

"He must always keep that copy with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will learn to fear the LORD his God by obeying all the terms of these instructions and decrees."

Deuteronomy 17:19 (NLT)

- _____ God's Word

"Now these Jews were more noble... they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so."

Acts 17:11-12 (ESV)

- _____ God's Word

"Obey My commands and live! Guard My instructions as you guard your own eyes. ...Write them deep within your heart."

Proverbs 7:2-3 (NLT)

- _____ on God's Word

"Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do."

Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

- _____ God's Word

"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."

James 1:22 (NLT)

Jesus – "A lot of you are going to assume that you'll sit down to God's salvation banquet just because you've been hanging around the neighborhood all your lives. Well, one day you're going to be banging on the door, wanting to get in, but you'll find the door locked and the Master saying, 'Sorry, you're not on My guest list.'

"You'll protest, 'But we've known You all our lives!' only to be interrupted with His abrupt, 'Your kind of knowing can hardly be called knowing. You don't know the first thing about Me.'"

Luke 13:24b-27 (MSG)

"You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Psalms 16:11 (ESV)

Our Values

We desire to demonstrate committed, authentic and passionate lives in Christ individually and corporately. Therefore we value...

Value #2 _____

"The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple."

Psalms 19:7 (NLT)

The Bible is...

_____ Psalms 119:105

_____ Deuteronomy 8:3

_____ Psalms 119:103

_____ Psalms 119:114

_____ James 1:23

_____ John 14:24

"The time is surely coming," says the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread or water but of hearing the words of the LORD."

Amos 8:11 (NLT)

"Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ...But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. ...All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work."

2 Timothy 3:12,14,16-17 (NLT)

"Jesus replied, 'Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God.'"

Matthew 22:29 (NLT)

